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TO AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION VISIT TO PANAMA

1. AMERICAN LEGION HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT MEMBERS OF ITS FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMISSION AND ITS NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION ARE PLANNING STUDY TOUR OF PANAMA CANAL IN CONNECTION WITH LEGION'S ANNUAL RESOLUTIONS ON THAT ISSUE.
2. GROUP IS EXPECTED TO INCLUDE 75 MEN AND THEIR WIVES WHO WILL VISIT PANAMA MARCH 7 THROUGH 14 AT OWN EXPENSE.
3. GROUP WOULD APPRECIATE BRIEFINGS FROM EMBASSY, FROM PANAMA CANAL COMPANY, AND FROM PANAMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY. GROUP ALSO EXPECTS TO TOUR CANAL ZONE AND OBSERVE OPERATIONS OF CANAL AT MIRAFLORES LOCK.
4. LEGION WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP BRIEFINGS MENTIONED ABOVE, ONE EACH MORNING MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10-12. LEGION SAYS WHILE THIS THEIR PREFERENCE, THEY VERY FLEXIBLE AT THIS TIME AND COULD ADJUST TO AMBASSADOR'S RECOMMENDATION.

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5. EMBASSY REQUESTED INFORM DEPT. OF RECOMMENDED SCHEDULE

AND NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CONTROL OFFICER.

6. FYI: TOUR FOLLOWS WASHINGTON NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF LEGION LEADERSHIP. GROUP EXPECTED TO BE BRIEFED ON MARCH 6 BEFORE DEPARTURE BY PATRICK MORRIS. FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMISSION PROBABLY WILL RECEIVE MORE WIDE RANGING BRIEFING AT DEPARTMENT ON MARCH 4. KISSINGER

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